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# RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §41.37

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.37 mailed on August 10, 2007, a reply to which is due September 10, 2007.

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### **REMARKS**

The Appeal Brief filed in the present appeal on November 23, 2003 has been held to be non-compliant for the following reason:

The Brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal as required by 37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(v).

While undersigned counsel believes that the Appeal Brief as filed in 2003 complied with all applicable rules, in an effort to expedite the appeal, submitted herewith is a revised "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter".

In accordance with MPEP §1205.03, where the Office holds the brief to be defective solely due to Appellants' failure to provide a summary of claimed subject matter as required by 37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(v), an entire new brief need not and should not be filed. Rather a paper providing a summary of the claimed subject matter . . . will suffice.

#### SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

With reference to the present specification, as well as the figure thereof, the present invention as set forth in independent claim 1 is directed to a connector for attachment to an extending transformer stud (specification, page 4, lines 6-8, Figure 1).

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The connector 10 includes an elongate central body 12 having a longitudinal bore 14. The bore opens at one end for insertable accommodation of the transformer stud (specification, page 4, lines 2-5). The body 12 includes a conductor accommodating body 20, 22 including a plurality of spaced apart conductor insertion apertures 20a, 22a (specification, page 4, lines 13-18, Figure 1). The apertures 20a, 22a are spaced so as to be longitudinally coextensive with the bore 14 of the body 12 (specification, page 5, lines 2-4, Figure 1).

It is respectfully submitted that the above submission places the Appeal Brief in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §41.37. Entry of this submission is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact undersigned counsel if there are any remaining questions regarding this appeal.

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